ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

NATIONAL SITUATIONAL REPORT

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KEY POINTS

- Emerson POE is temporarily closed to commercial traffic; however remains open for travellers flow.[1]
- Reports indicate that Ottawa may see an increase in convoy supporter numbers coming from other locations in the coming days.
- Peter Sloly has resigned as Ottawa's Chief of Police. His resignation was publicly announced during a meeting of the Ottawa Police Services Board Deputy Chief Steve Bell has been appointed the interim police chief and will work alongside the RCMP and the Ontario Provincial Police as part of the policing command centre coordinating response.
- The implementation of the Emergencies Act on 2022-02-14 remains the most prominent thread of conversations across social media.
- Dignitaries and police continue to be commented up on in social media posts, presenting a potential officer security issue as calls for information on the officers has been made.

EMERGENCIES ACT

- The Orders in Council have been published in the Canada Gazette at the following links: Canada Gazette, Part II: Volume 156 - Canada.ca and Canada Gazette, Part II .[2]

FREEDOM CONVOY FUNDING – DONATIONS VIA CRYPTOCURRENCY

- Between 2022-01-27 and 2022-02-12, at least 45 domains containing freedom convoy were registered. It is possible that some of the domains may be used to facilitate online fraud.[3]
- As of 2022-02-15, the amount of funds raised through GiveSendGo totals $587,278 USD. Research into the cryptocurrency portion reveals that approximately $6,040 USD was raised via Bitcoin, Ethereum, or other altcoin, suggesting the remaining amount was raised through fiat (regular currency backed by the issuing government) currency.[4] [5] [6]
- Three new cryptocurrency crowdfunding groups were found on the tallyco.in platform;
    - "MORE BITCOIN FOR TRUCKERS" appears to be a tied to the original group based on its message "Thank You all for making us reach our Goal for 21 btc...let's go for 5btc". As of 2022-02-15, it has raised 0.11% of its goal.[7]
    - "BITCOIN FOR TRUCKERS" provides funds for demonstrators in Canada, and worldwide, with a goal to raise 23 Bitcoin. As of 2022-02-15, it had raised 0.01% of its goal. [8]

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- "ITALY FREEDO CONVOY" was founded for demonstrators in Italy. The goal is to raise 1 Bitcoin. It currently raised 0% of its goal.[9]

- The Tallycoin fundraising platform no longer shows the total funds received and hides comments from donors.

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- A cryptocurrency named the Freedom Convoy Token ($FCT) was recently created on 2022-02-14.[10] This token is associated to Freedom Organizers Personal Info. and Personal It is advertised as a means to support freedom and to generate passive income. For every FCT bought or sold, 4% is reportedly directed to the Freedom Convoy Foundation.[11] s.37 [redacted] s.37 [redacted]

CANADIAN INTEREST ABROAD

- Four convoy supporters conducted a demonstration outside of the Canadian consulate in Chicago. The demonstration was part of the peaceful prayer protests that were planned for 2022-02-15 at the Canadian consulates in New York City, Seattle, Los Angeles, Chicago and Las Vegas. The protest is in support of Pastor Art Pawlowski who was involved in the convoy demonstrations in Canada. The organizers of the movement is called the "Free Pastor Art Movement". The demonstrators dispersed and building security was monitoring the situation. It is unknown at this time if the other consulates had demonstrators.[13]

B DIVISION

Arrests	0[14]
Active investigations	0[15]
Resources reallocated within Division	0[16]
Resources deployed outside Division	10 members to Ottawa.[17]

C DIVISION

Arrests	0[18]
Active investigations	0[19]
Resources reallocated within Division	Details not specified
Resources deployed outside Division	121[20]

- Information suggests that the Lacolle POE will be the next demonstration site starting 2022-02-16 however; this information has not been corroborated. The Sûreté du Québec (SQ) will be creating a

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checkpoint six kilometers ahead of the POE. There will be a structure set up in Montreal South shore on 2022-02-16. [21]

- An event post for the demonstrations in Lacolle mentions the possible participation from the Freedom Convoy New York but it is unknown if this group will be present. [22]
- Information gathered on social media indicates that the Stanstead POE in addition to Lacolle are potential sites for demonstrations, although some convoy supporters propose focusing efforts and converging in Ottawa instead. [23]

D DIVISION

Arrests	Information to come
Active investigations	Information to come
Resources reallocated within Division	Information to come
Resources deployed outside Division	Information to come

- The blockade remains north of the Emersion POE but remains open for travellers flow.[24] Livestock transport vehicles are continuously being let through. [25]
- Convoy supporters have agreed to a "slow roll" departure mid-day on 2022-02-16; however, the current snowstorm in Southern Manitoba may impact timings. D Division Criminal Operations and Manitoba East District have an operational plan to effect the take-down of the blockade should demonstrators remain at site.[26]
- The demonstration at the Manitoba Legislature is ongoing. Organizers at this location have made an announcement on demobilizing after the Premier has committed to easing some of the restrictions. [27]
- D Division has sufficient resources available to manage these concurrent events (as of 15h00 2022-02-15). [28]

E DIVISION

Arrests	10[29]
Active investigations	Information to come
Resources reallocated within Division	25 Federal resources to assist POJ[30]
Resources deployed outside Division	Information to come

Pacific Highway Border

- The Pacific Highway POE has reopened to commercial vehicles and those with a legitimate reason to be there. Perimeter points have been established to prevent the expected convoy. [31]

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- A suspicious vehicle tried to infiltrate into a line of trucks headed to the border. The vehicle was turned around at the RCMP checkpoint at 8th Avenue and 176th Street. A robust sustainment plan for officer presence at the 176th border crossing is in place through into next week.[32]
- Reporting indicates that individuals may be moving to the Delta port on 2022-02-17. [33]
- The North District convoy left Prince George at 0800hrs on 2022-02-15. There have been delays in their travel and it is unknown if they will reach their final destination.[34]

Victoria

- The demonstration at the Legislative Assembly of BC ongoing. [35]

F DIVISION

Arrests	0[36]
Active investigations	Information to come
Resources reallocated within Division	Information to come
Resources deployed outside Division	Information to come

G DIVISION

Arrests	0[37]
Active investigations	0[38]
Resources reallocated within Division	0[39]
Resources deployed outside Division	0[40]

- RCMP is monitoring the Northwest Territories and Alberta border. No incidents reported.[41]

H DIVISION

Arrests	0[42]
Active investigations	1[43]
Resources reallocated within Division	Details not specified[44]
Resources deployed outside Division	0 Resources preparing to deploy to Ottawa. [45]

- Open source information suggests additional protest events may be organized for 2022-02-19 and 2022-02-20; however, there are no clearly defined events or locations at this time.[46]

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J DIVISION

Arrests	2
Active investigations	Information to come
Resources reallocated within Division	Information to come
Resources deployed outside Division	0 Resources preparing to deploy to Ottawa. [47]

K DIVISION

Arrests	13
Active investigations	2
Resources reallocated within Division	Information to come
Resources deployed outside Division	Information to come

- Efforts to dismantle Checkpoint 10 (located 18 km north of the Coutts POE) commenced on 2022-02-15 with the goal of voluntary compliance or moving any remaining demonstrators to the safe site in Milk River. Most demonstrators have departed. Towing assets are staged in proximity to deal with any non-compliance.[48]
- A plan is being developed for the allocation of resources moving forward. [49]

L DIVISION

Arrests	0[50]
Active investigations	0
Resources reallocated within Division	0
Resources deployed outside Division	0 Resources preparing to deploy to Ottawa.

M DIVISION

Arrests	0
Active investigations	1[51]
Resources reallocated within Division	8[52]
Resources deployed outside Division	0 but two resources ready to be deployed[53]

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- Information of unknown reliability indicates possible intentions to block the Alaska Highway at the Tagish turn-off (known as Jake's Corner). A blockade of Jake's Corner would cut off the main highway in and out of the Yukon, disrupting the supply route for all goods and services to the Territory. M Division is prepared for this possibility should it occur and last a short period. However, if a potential blockade of the Highway were to become a protracted event, M Division's capacity to effectively deal with the matter would be significantly diminished and may require Article 9 support.[54]

NATIONAL DIVISION

Arrests	25[1]
Active investigations	Information to come
Resources reallocated within Division	Information to come
Resources deployed outside Division	Up to 250 members deployed to support Ottawa Police Service.

- Peter Sloly has resigned as Ottawa's Chief of Police. His resignation was publicly announced during a meeting of the Ottawa Police Services Board Deputy Chief Steve Bell has been appointed the interim police chief and will work alongside the RCMP and the Ontario Provincial Police as part of the policing command centre coordinating response.[55] [56]
- Reports indicate that Ottawa may see an increase in convoy supporter numbers coming from other locations in the coming days. [57]
- No significant presence of demonstrators reported to be on Parliament Hill at this time.[58] Demonstrators on Wellington Street are possibly carrying out counter surveillance tactics. Convoy participants appear to be monitoring movements and standing behind members when filming. [59]
- Slater and Metcalfe still appear to be a busy location with a possible gas refuelling station. [60]
- The National War Memorial continues to be guarded by veterans who are not necessarily associated with the protests. [61]
- The current status of interprovincial bridges is as follows:
    - Macdonald-Cartier Bridge is open.
    - Alexandra Bridge is closed but southbound lanes are open from 0600-1000hrs on weekdays.
    - Portage Bridge southbound is closed (except for essential workers) while northbound is open but all corridors leading to it are closed.
    - Chaudière Bridge is open (construction was cancelled).
    - Champlain Bridge is open.

[1] Arrest numbers will be reported through the Ottawa Police Service.

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O DIVISION

Arrests	45[62]
Active investigations	Not applicable[63]
Resources reallocated within Division	50 deployed to Windsor[64]
Resources deployed outside Division	73[65]

- The implementation of the Emergencies Act on 2022-02-14 remains the most prominent thread of conversations across social media. [66] Platforms are seeking consensus from participants to go "private" by the upcoming weekend. This will significantly reduce any visibility on movements and planned protests. Additionally, use of a new US-based platform may hamper law enforcement, specifically TRUMP MEDIA's Truth Social launching 2022-02-21. [67]
- Dignitaries and police continue to be commented up on in social media posts with pictures posted of various members in the course of their duties, presenting a potential officer security issue as calls for information on the officers has been made. [68]
- Displacement of demonstrators from the POE's and potential movement to join numbers in Ottawa remains highly probable. [69]

Windsor (Ambassador Bridge)

- Police continue to move convoy supporters away from the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor. There is no planned enforcement at this time. [70]
- Local Windsor resident had been inciting others to damage local tow truck operator's vehicles. Police of jurisdiction is engaged.
- The Mayor of Windsor was provided a uniformed member at his personal residence as a result of an online post. [71]

Niagara (Peace Bridge)

- Online discussions indicate possible presence at government buildings as an alternate to the Peace Bridge.[72]

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